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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

USTelecom's claim that there is "no effective UNE-based competition" is obviously self-serving and completely untrue. In the two areas in which I subscribe to broadband Internet service there is at least one competitive provider that offers that I believe is superior to that available from the local cable company (Comcast) and ILEC (AT&T). In both locations I get phone and Internet service from Sonic using unbundled network elements (UNEs).

Allowing AT&T to prevent access to these UNEs would effectively create the situation they claim already exists and complete the ILEC program of sabotaging the provisions of the Telecommunications Act that were supposed to promote competition. No consumer (or consumer advocate) questions why people like me avoid companies like AT&T and Comcast whenever possible. Their customer service is well-known to be awful and their products are inferior to the services I am able to buy from Sonic.

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